

Briefing Minutes: Coutts Border Protests

Date & Time

2022-02-14 @ 0801hrs

Present:

See the attendance sheet

UNIT/NAME/AGENCY	UPDATES/NOTES	DD/FOLLOW UP
RCMP SILVER	•	
C/SUPT. K. KUNETZKI	• Wants Supt. Corbett to work with STO to work out logistics to find out how many will be on site; • Wants a follow up meeting with STO resources. As we ramp down on Phase I and move into Phase II will look for resources to start dismantling the protest vehicles. Wants to keep the last of phase I to keep going until Phase II initiates; • Going forward have a QRT team of ERT and STO capacity at all times; • From an overall planning prospective, the initial public order event then moved on and started to identify a criminal organization. A priority to plan for enforcement on that group is underway; • Phase I is police and public safety, facilitating a lawful protest disruption of the organization, Phase II which is the disassembly and removal of the infrastructure, Phase III is maintain the site beyond the removal and clearing of vehicles; • Begin to Switch today to C/Supt. Daroux for Silver Command on site and will take place officially tomorrow; • Will have updates on Del Bonita and Caraway and look for information;	

	- Looking to seek an injunction today and will move into a full on Phase II mobilization starting tomorrow; - More investigative needs resulting from the operation last night; - Got information last night about people driving through her field and a lady and where excavators are; - Wants 24/7 STO capacity and a 24/7 ERT capacity on stand by for any planned operations. Wants to clarify with Corbett to work with DEOC to plan for and request resources. Have Insp. MacMillan to work on resourcing; - High estimate on resources and start to plan.	TASK to follow up with CCMG TASK to Insp Leanne MacMillan to do this
C/SUPT. T. DAROUX		
INSP. L. MacMILLAN	Today will be a lot of planning and resourcing and will have to rely a lot heavier on GD once the plans are in place.	
LEE BRACHMANN	- Phase II planning there is equipment in Lethbridge. 2 heavy wrecker, 2 med tow trucks, 2 light tow trucks and service truck and mechanic are coming from Edmonton; - Additional equipment for a boom truck, trailers, access to 3 tow operators, 1 heavy duty mechanic available today out of Edmonton and will stage in Lethbridge; - Will also be liaising with STO for operators and drivers here who are Class 1 trained; - Secured 4 LED generated lights. Snag on fencing as Sunday they were closed but is working on that now; - Resources will be lined up, everything will be staged in Lethbridge at secure location and does not want to mobilize until they are ready to go. Will be in position to go for tomorrow. - Seizure stickers are in hand as well.	

RCMP BRONZE	•	
CBSA	• Continue to divert through Del Bonita and Caraway high volume going through; • Wants more info on the semi and tractor in the secondary lots on the CBSA side. These are seized RCMP vehicles that needed security, will be moved to secure facility once that has opened.	
USCBP	• Still diverting traffic to Del Bonita and Caraway, are handling it; • Has been fielding calls from Canadians looking to go south.	
CCMG	• Re-established contact with regular leadership. Personal Info. spent the night out of town with their family. There was some discontent on the misinformation on the disabling of the backhoes. Ran into Personal looking around and property owner and were looking at the damage. Did tell them that those machines were not to be there and if they were they'd be disabled; • Spoke to the [property owner and spoke about the damage and told them all how to make a claim. Provided information to make this happens; • Took the opportunity to remind them to keep the communication lines open, wanted to get the message to Perso and to not ghost CCMG; • There is indication that communication is not as it used to be. Moving forward were speaking with crowd and discussed comments about what continued desires are with protests; • Keeping things de-escalated in the crowd as the operation was ongoing last night to keep temperaments down. STO and ERT members were great CCMG support and kept tempers down;	

	• As CCMG left they continued comms with Personal Info. The tractor trailers invoked a response; • Perso is distancing himself from the movement of tractors and not aware as orders weren't given; • Are aware that two people have been arrested and knows the two who were. Said they showed up after the fact and described them a militia type people and did not want them there to begin with. CCMG told Perso to tell the security to leave. • Personal Info. • Got in contact with the lawyer who was asking about SW on two other properties. Told the lawyers to tell their clients to cooperate with police if contact is made. Lawyer demanded the copies of the search warrants. Asked to be included in the bail hearings; • CCMG is aware that there will be a mechanic working on the backhoes today and will be loading them out today to move them. There is talk about moving some berms and making them around town. Reiterated that they need to move on or more arrests will be made; • Crowd appreciated that plain clothes police were in the crowd and thinks that helped with engagement; • Pers will be talking to the other CCMG group and is the "leader" of CP10 will be talking about the damage to the backhoes.	
CIP	• SW last night, bronze is trying to get into a planning cycle today, Phase 2 towing planning group to figure out operations plan to secure tractors and semis. • Attempt to dismantle CP10 and hold at site and work with STO;	

	• Lots of plans to take back the port. Will be working on this plan all day today; • 42 STO members will be on site today, during the day, but will have to shore up their numbers for tomorrow. Will set up a plan and process on how to move people and vehicles. • Concerns about entrenched people at CP10 and Coutts site to try and figure out how to move them and stop them from coming back in. Looking towards a larger tactical briefing in the evening to discuss plans for tomorrow; • If they want to hold the site tonight in order to go tomorrow. Resources are stretched thin. Will look for help with GD resources to help make arrests and arrest plan. May require more resources, 10, for this to happen at CP10 to effectively transport prisoners if needed. Will look at those resources now that the tow capability is in place. STO resources have been working overnight but wants to switch those to day shift; • Possible SW at the Saloon as keys for some vehicles are located in there. Need another bunch of resources to attempt to enforcement; • STO and ERT on a 12 to 12 schedule but may have ERT compliment STO tonight.	
CSET	• One of the Personal Info. contacted Cpl. Peters, wants to come in and talk after a meeting with Perso. Very upset with the backhoes being disabled. 'Now they got a war as the police fired the first shot' • Can use the blades and surround the town if they need to; • Intel about the Mennonite and spoke with the Taber Police to reach out to the contacts with the church but no evidence to suggest the Mennonites are going to protest.	

	- Reached out to Mennonite the old colony church would be participating in these protests. - Other Bishops are going to reach out, some of the people have come out but they have an anti vaccine mandate but also have a anti protest mandate as well. Doesn't think anyone from their church have tractors out here and everyday they pray this ends and does not want this to continue. May be an angle to reach out to those Mennonite members on site; - Has 3 or 4 Bishops in the community on board but may not have a ton of influence. Were not able to provide any intel about going to Del Bonita; - Keep assisting with Insp. Lee Brachmann and keep in touch with elected officials in the area. Liaise with Media to know what to talk about.	TASK to UPDATE
GIS/MCU	- Got a lot of moving pieces and had to move resources but 11 under arrest. Interviews ongoing. 13 long guns, 2 handguns, few vests, machete, thousands of round of ammo; - Still have execute SW at a struck at CP5, Personal Info. truck; Personal Info. Personal Info. Personal Info. are the big targets arrested last night; - Request from interviews to hold off on pictures of firearms while interviews are ongoing. Will have more at 1600.	
DCAS	- OCENT in relation to the arrests and any escalating rhetoric from the backhoes and will be working on the threat piece from Olds; - Did identify for the security patrols this morning for a vehicle that looked as though it was conducting roving patrols and some security: Personal	MOVE/Arrest

	Person. Valid firearms license, no registered weapons; • Move him out if he does not have a license	
GD	• CP10: 12 tractors, 22 comm vehicles, 45 RV's, 115 personal vehicles, no real activity or movement and at 0100hrs everyone went to bed; • Tickets, 1 distracted driving, 9 registration or license, 2 OHV, 1 disobey direction of PO, 2 warnings; • Waiting for marching orders for today and tomorrow; • Del Bonita and Caraway will need resources as there has been some info suggesting there may be movement that way; • Tapping into resources would like to see LRPS resources to support members.	
SHERIFFS	• 6 unregistered vehicle; • Prisoner transport vans have arrived at Milkriver will liaise with GD to find out when they can get to stage in Lethbridge; • Del Bonita and Caraway to have extra resources to deploy to those locations.	
IBET	• South: 15 comm vehicle, 3 passenger; North: 23 comm vehicle, 1 personal, 1 tractor; Smugglers: 4 comm vehicle, 10 passenger, 15 tractors, 11 RV's, no one moving around early; • CP5 7 RV's, 34 comm vehicles.	
MEDIA	• Yesterday lots of calls about disabling of 3 large tractors, has social media buzzing and a balanced response on Social media about the police needing to do it; • Has drafted a media release for last nights events, 2 of them, for tractor and semi and another for the SW. HQ is working on; • Request a photo but would like to hold a media scrum with the seized vehicles as a backdrop;	

	• Lots of media enquiries this morning. Will wait for official report. Media seen the TikTok videos of police seizures and SW; • Media release if for immediate review.	
STO	•	
FILE COORDINATING	•	
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End @ 0856hrs